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Re: Docket #01N-0256

Attention: Anesthetic and Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a family practice physician in North Carolina and have practiced for 20 years. To further limit those who can prescribe narcotic medications to their patients who are truly in need would be a big mistake. I work with many geriatric patients as well as Hospice patients and use a good bit of narcotics and find them to be invaluable in managing many patients with pain.

Please do not limit the physicians ability to prescribe comfort giving medications to patients in need.

Sincerely,

James B. Holt, M.D.

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